Weaknesses of Programmes for Tribal Development

105. DR. MANMOHAN SINGH: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware of the weaknesses of programmes for tribal development as pointed out in Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to streamline these programmes?

THE MINISTER OFTRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRIJUAL ORAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The suggestions contained in the Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan in respect of tribal development will be considered by both Centre and the State Governments to streamline the programmes during Tenth Five Year Plan.

Schemes for Preservation of Tribal Culture

106. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have taken up certain cultural schemes for preservation of the tribal culture in the States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the schemes arc likely to cover the North-Eastem Region;

(d) whether there is abounding in the tribal culture, and if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government have any plan to establish an institute for the said purpose; and

(f) if so, the number of the institutes proposed to be established in the North- Eastern Region and the programmes to be conducted by them for the tribal people?

THE MINISTER OFTRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Research & Training, grant is provided to 14 Tribal Research Institutes in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Orissa. Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal on 50:50 basis between Centre and State Governments. One of the functions of these Tribal Research Institutes is to preserve the tribal culture. Each Institute has a Tribal